

## REMARKS

### 1. Amendment After Final

Pursuant to 37 CFR section 1.116, an amendment after final may be admitted touching the merits of the application upon a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented. It is believed that the present amendments are necessary as the same place the case in condition for allowance and, therefore, should be entered. (See MPEP 714.12 reciting that "any amendment that will place the application . . . in condition for allowance . . . may be entered."). Specifically, the present amendment is necessary to place the case in condition for allowance. The amendment was not earlier presented, because Applicants believe that the examiner would be persuaded by the arguments set forth in the response to Final Rejection.

### 2. Claims 11-14

Claims 11-14 were allowed in the Final Office action, and all rejected claims have been cancelled. As a result, Applicants respectfully request that the application proceed to issuance as a United States patent. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present response, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6910. If any fees are due in connection with filing this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No ADAPP230).

Respectfully submitted,  
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